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FIRST PHASES OF DISTRICT GOVERNMENT'S ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES MODERNIZATION PROGRAM (ASMP) ARE LAUNCHED

12 Agencies Implement New Procurement Automated Support System (PASS)

Washington, DC (September 26, 2003) - Twelve District government agencies recently implemented a new electronic procurement system, representing the first phase of the groundbreaking Administrative Services Modernization Program (ASMP). ASMP, which will modernize back-office operations and integrate key administrative functions, is expected to produce \$150 million in efficiencies and savings by 2006.

The Office of Contracting and Procurement (OCP) and the Office of the Chief Technology Officer (OCTO) piloted the new Procurement Automated Support System (PASS) on July 21. Within a week and a half of its implementation, PASS processed more than \$1.4 million worth of goods and services.

The Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA), the Department of Corrections (DOC), and Fire and Emergency Medical Services (FEMS) implemented PASS on August 4. Seven more agencies, including the Department of Public Works (DPW) and the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) followed on September 8. In total, PASS has processed more than \$11 million in new purchase order requisitions and \$110 million worth of requisitions since its July launch.

"ASMP is a new business model for how the city will serve its citizens. Our goal is to build operational excellence throughout the District and to set the standard for city governments nationwide," said Mayor Anthony Williams. "The launch of ASMP's first phase, after nearly two years of extensive teamwork, research, and development, is a banner event, and one that helps fulfill my 'Making Government Work' initiative."

By the end of 2003, 58 District agencies will use PASS to procure goods and services. Already, 400 employees have completed training on PASS. Additionally, 255 electronic catalogs (with nearly 59,000 items) and more than 1,700 vendors have been loaded into the PASS database.

PASS revolutionizes the District's procurement process by automating the entire supply line, from requisition generation to supplier payment. "With this new business model, buyers will have real-time access to vendors, products, and schedules. The system will automatically move requisitions to the appropriate people, simplify the purchase process, and reduce paper," Jacques Abadie, the city's Chief Procurement Officer said. "In fact, we'll speed up procurement time for small purchases to an average of two days instead of 12."

PASS is seamlessly integrated in real-time with a general ledger. This feature, not commonly found on similar systems, checks the availability of funds and commits or encumbers those funds for a specific purchase. Other benefits include decreased cycle times for purchases, greatly reduced manual work, quicker, more accurate payments to vendors, improved audit trails, and enhanced reporting capabilities.

The PASS system is based on Ariba's eProcurement software and SeeBeyond's eAI integration software. "This was a huge team effort," ASMP's Program Director Sanford Lazar said. "It took the collaboration of hundreds of District employees working together with Keane, Unisys [the primary system integrator responsible for implementation], and Accenture to implement PASS, with significant contributions from our Local Small Disadvantaged Business Enterprise partners HGM, Beale, and SF&A."

"ASMP is a positive change for District employees that will allow them to work with more accurate and comprehensive information, in a more efficient environment, in a more productive manner," added Mayor Williams.

The Administrative Services Modernization Program (ASMP) is a business transformation project and technology initiative that focuses on processes, policies, organizational improvements and business areas within the 58 agencies of the District of Columbia government (www.octo.dc.gov).